

MINOR NAME CHANGE INFORMATION

To ask the court for a legal name change for a minor child, complete the following.

The clerk has given you the documents necessary for this court appearance. You should have one document entitled *Petition for Change of Name of Minor Child*, and one entitled *Consent of Natural Parent for Change of Name of Minor Child*, and one entitled *Order for Change of Name of Minor Child*. **(The order will be given to you to complete at the time of filing)**

All documents must be filled out completely and legibly. Please read the statements carefully as you will be signing this document, swearing to the statements made, under penalty of perjury.

1. Begin by printing the child's current legal name on the top line above the word "Minor" and your name on the next blank line under that. The clerk will put in the case number for you.
2. On the next blank line under 1, enter the child's current legal name, and then under that, put the full name you are asking for.
3. On line 2, check all that apply, and enter the child's date of birth.
4. Print the child's legal parent's names under 3.
5. Under number 4, check the applicable boxes and add the explanation if you checked the second box.
6. Line 5 states that you are a resident of Clark County. This means that the place you consider "home" is in this county. This is a requirement, and you should not file in this court if you do not live in Clark County. Print your address on the available lines.
7. It is required by law that you submit a copy of this application to the Sheriff or Washington State Patrol at least 5 days prior to the hearing and submit a copy of the signed order within 5 days after the hearing. Please mark box 7 accordingly.
8. On line 8 and 9, clearly and briefly print your answers.
9. Have the legal or natural parent, **who is not asking** for the name change, complete the **Consent of Natural Parent form. This form must be notarized.** If you can not obtain the consent of the natural parent, you need to have them personally served with notice of the hearing date and time or service by publication if you do not know of their whereabouts.
10. The Order for Change of Name of Minor Child is completed by printing the current legal name of the child on the top line, and your name under theirs. Complete the next lines by your name, as the petitioner, then the child's current legal name, followed by the name you're asking for.
11. Print the child's current legal name after the words "It is Hereby ORDERED that the name", then on the next line following, put the full name that you're asking for.
12. Do not fill out the date, or mark where the judge will sign the order.
13. File the petition, consent form, and order, and pay the \$96.00 filing fee in **cash**.
14. At the time of the hearing you will receive, at no additional cost, one certified copy of the order for your records. If additional copies will be needed, notify the clerk when you file your papers, pay the required fee, present a self-addressed stamped envelope and you will receive them by mail. Certified copies are \$5 each. After the hearing, should you need a copy of the order, you will need to make your request at the Clark County Auditor's office located on the second floor of the Public Service Center building. They will provide you with a certified copy for a fee.
15. If your petition is denied for any reason, you may not receive a refund.

Court staff can explain court procedures, practices, and terminology. They can give you information about the status of your case and help you with procedures such as filing a case or scheduling a hearing before a judge. They are not qualified or permitted by law to give legal advice. This means that when there are alternative ways to proceed, they cannot advise you on which course of action to take.

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLARK COUNTY
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

IN RE the Name Change
of the Minor Child:

_____,
Minor,

_____,
Petitioner.

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NO. _____

**PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
OF MINOR CHILD**

1. I, the Petitioner, am applying for a court order that will change the name of

_____, a minor child,
(Full Name)

to _____.
(Full Name Desired)

2. I am: (check all that apply) ☐ the natural parent
☐ the custodial parent
☐ the legal guardian
of the above named minor child who was born _____.

3. The child's natural parents are:

Father

Mother

4. The natural parents (**both** mother and father):

___ consent to minor's name change. Copy of parental consent is attached.

___ **do not** consent to minor's name change.

If parent(s) **DO NOT CONSENT, EXPLAIN WHY** their consent is not necessary.

5. I am a legal resident of **Clark County**, currently residing at

6. This application is not made for any illegal or fraudulent purpose, and is not harmful to the interests of any other person.

7. The child ___ is ___ is not a registered sex offender. (Registered sex offenders must submit a copy of this application to the Sheriff or Washington State Patrol at least 5 days prior to the hearing, and submit a copy of the signed order within 5 days after the hearing.)

8. I ask that the minor child's legal name be changed for the following reason(s):

9. Other information I wish the court to consider:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing statements in this petition are true and correct.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature of Petitioner

Phone Number: _____

IN RE the Change of Name of the Minor Child:)
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Minor,)
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Minor,)
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Petitioner.)

**CONSENT OF NATURAL PARENT FOR
CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR CHILD**
(To be filled out by the **non-petitioning** natural
parent).

- [illegible]

4. I give this consent freely and voluntarily, and I waive any right of notice of any further court proceedings concerning such change of name of this child.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signed and attested before me on the
_____ day of _____, 20____.

By: _____

NOTARY

My appointment expires _____

Signed _____